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HONGKONG, 23rd October, 1901.

The report of the committee appointed to enquire into the registration of Chinese partnerships was laid before the Legislative Council on Monday afternoon. This question of registration, as is pointed out in the memorandum, attached to the report, of the Hon. J. H. STEWART LOCKHART, Colonial Secretary, is by no means a new one in the Colony, having been raised by the Chinese community themselves as far back as 1874 and brought up again frequently since. The immediate cause of the revival of the matter was a letter addressed to the Government by the local Chamber of Commerce on the 31st October last year, urging an amendment of the Bankruptcy Ordinance of 1891 and submitting the draft of a short amending bill. Mr. R. C. WILCOX, who as Secretary of the Chamber, signed the letter, drew attention to recent proceedings in the Bankruptcy Court, and particularly to a judgment delivered on the 9th July, 1900, by the Chief Justice in the case KUNG HING SWING KEE ex parte ALBERT AH WEE, as making it apparent that the existing law did not afford the intended protection to creditors. All engaged in commerce in this Colony, continued the letter, were convinced by the result of the above quoted case that it was practically useless for a creditor to institute bankruptcy proceedings against a Chinese firm, since if it should subsequently appear that any one member of that firm was domiciled in China and had not ordinarily resided in Hongkong within a year of the presentation of the bankruptcy petition, such proceedings could be annulled. The Chamber of Commerce claimed that no real hardship would be entailed on the Chinese by the passage of such a measure, and continued: "European and American houses trading here or in the Treaty Ports of China voluntarily announce to the public, by means of circulars and by advertisements in the newspapers, the names of the individual partners in their firms, and of all changes in such partnerships, at considerable expense, and certain Chinese firms have voluntarily followed the example. It is not too much to ask, if the mass of the Chinese are used to such methods, that they should register their partnerships with the Registrar General." In 1882, it was pointed out, a petition very numerously signed by Chinese traders was

presented to the Registrar General praying that hongs or shops be required "to register and to appoint a fixed date within which all shops are to send in without delay the real names and surnames of their masters." This was really only a proposal to put into practice here a custom of trade observed among themselves in China, and, as a means of identification and a precautionary measure against fraud, could not excite hostility among reasonable persons. Following on the letter of the Chamber of Commerce, the Attorney-General on the 10th December proposed the first reading of a Bill entitled an Ordinance to further amend the Bankruptcy Ordinance, 1891, and the Bill itself was published in the *Government Gazette* of the 15th December. The proposed Bill aimed at entitling the creditor of a firm in the Colony to present a bankruptcy petition against the firm in respect of an act of bankruptcy committed by any member of the firm, whether the offender was or was not a British subject, domiciled or not in Hongkong. On the 17th December last the second reading came on and was allowed to stand over until the next meeting on the 31st January, when the second reading was carried. On the 7th February the Bill was read a third time and passed. Thus one portion of the alteration desired by the Chamber of Commerce was brought about. However the Chamber had written in its letter of the 31st October, 1900: "In forwarding this draft Bill, which the Committee believe will have a most salutary effect in helping to reduce the number of fraudulent bankruptcies, they are not so optimistic as to expect that it will act as a complete check on all fraud of the kind." To secure this it will be necessary to establish a system for the compulsory registration of the individual members of Chinese firms or hongs trading in this "Colony." The subject of compulsory registration therefore remained to be investigated.

The report of the committee appointed to consider the latter question is dated the 24th September and signed by His Honour A. G. Wise, the Hon. Dr. Ho Kai, the Hon. Wm Yee, the Hon. J. THURBURN, and Mr. LEUNG Pui Chi. Mr. ROBERT SHEWAN, the other member of the committee, did not feel inclined to sign the report, sending in one of his own. The report of the majority states that at the preliminary meeting on the 5th March, when Mr. SERCOMBE SMITH was Chairman, it was decided that all papers connected with the subject should be read by the members individually; after further meetings it was decided that certain gentlemen of experience should be asked to attend and to be questioned as to their opinions, in accordance with which the papers were passed on to Sir THOMAS JACKSON and Mr. R. C. WILCOX, who together with Mr. J. F. REECE were examined before the committee in July, as also were Messrs FUNG WA CHUN, HO FOOK, and LAU YAM CHUN. As the result of their deliberations the committee unanimously decided—though for different reasons—"adds the report—that it would be impracticable to introduce the suggested legislation, whether penal or disabling. The general ground for this decision was that it would be impracticable to give due effect to such legislation. The following reasons are among those brought forward to support this decision:

1st. That in consequence of the difference between English and Chinese law as to the liabilities of a partner in an insolvent firm, the Chinese would not be inclined to register their true names, and that any such registration would therefore tend to fraud and litigation.

2nd. The enormous expense that would be entailed owing to the difficulty of finding out who the partners in a Chinese firm are.

3rd. That such legislation would tend to drive capital from the Colony and would seriously interfere with trade.

Mr. SHEWAN in his separate report states that he does not see the impracticability of registering partners (taking partner to mean "one who shares in the profits and losses in proportion to his share of the capital or interest in the firm"), but he also thinks such registration impracticable on account of the trouble and expense involved by a Registry Office. He suggests that the object of such registration might more easily and economically be obtained by inducing Chinese firms to advertise the names of their partners and the changes in their constitution from time to time, as is done by foreign firms. Partners not duly advertised might be debarred from suing as a partner or claiming any assets of the firm. This, Mr. SHEWAN submits, is a simple way of meeting the difficulty and saving the Colony expense, while the advertisement of bogus partners can be done equally by foreigners as by Chinese, who value their good name as much as foreigners.

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THOMAS JACKSON did not think it advisable to make any change. He gathered that the greater body of Chinese merchants would not like registration, and he did not think advertising would be of any practical value. Mr. R. C. WILCOX, who had at first thought registration advisable and also practicable, after hearing the evidence and arguments, was converted to the opposite view and did not think it would be advisable to introduce a Bill for the purpose. Of the Chinese witnesses, Mr. FUNG WA CHUN thought registration very difficult, and advertisement impracticable. Mr. HO FOOK held registration to be advisable if it could be done. He did not consider the difficulties insurmountable and said that the public should be protected by law. Advertisement would not work. Mr. LAU YAM CHUN also gave his opinion that the difficulties in the way of registration were not too great. He also commended advertisement, but registration was better. Such, very briefly put, was the evidence taken by the committee. The remainder of the report is taken up by the Colonial Secretary's memorandum, giving as full an account as could be unearthed from the Government archives of the movement in favour of registration from 1874 onwards, and twenty pages of appendices referred to therein. The result of the committee's investigations has been to decide that legislation in the direction of compulsory registration is impracticable. It remains to be seen whether the matter will rest here, after thirty years of intermittent agitation.

The launch *Miner* is to leave Queen's Statue Wharf at 7 p.m. sharp on Friday with guests for the Volunteer Mess at Stonemasons'.

The British sloop *Phoenix* arrived from Canton yesterday and the British storeship *Humber* from Weihaiwei, while the British transports *Royal* and *Sumatra* left for Taku.

The *Universal Gazette* states that Dr. McGOWAN, of the London Mission, who has preached for over thirty years in Amoy, is about to start a newspaper there, which will be bi-monthly.

At 9.30 yesterday morning three robbers entered a house at 8, Centre Street, and after gagging the only occupant, a woman, proceeded to ransack the premises. They decamped with money and jewelry to the total value of \$82. One man has been arrested in connection with the robbery.

The body of the farmer who died last week in the village of Taihumpu, Sankung district, after a brawl, has been exhumed by the police and sent to the mortuary, where a post-mortem examination revealed that the man had died from heart-disease. As the deceased was the aggressor in the fight, no further proceedings will be taken by the police against the other farmer, with whom he quarrelled.

Telegrams received in Shanghai from Shensi report that the Imperial Court arrived at Tungkuang, a barrier city on the Shensi-Henan borders, on the 12th inst., where a stop was made for about three days owing to rainy weather and the state of the roads leading into Honan province. Sung Shou, Governor of Honan, met the Court at Tungkuang on their arrival there and escorted their Majesties over the border into his jurisdiction on the morning of the 15th instant, the Court staying overnight at the market town of Shoutichen, the first stage of the journey into Honan.

On Saturday evening last the amateurs of Canton, assisted by Mr. Alec Marsh and Professor Gallazzi, gave a concert which was a great success. There was a large and appreciative audience and all those who took part in the programme distinguished themselves. Mr. Marsh sang "Star of Eve," "La Serenata," "A Japanese Love Song" and "The King's Minister," and several encores, including the duet "Excelsior" with Mr. F. Hayley Bell. Signor Gallazzi created a very favourable impression and was enthusiastically encored for Chopin's "Valses," which he played in a very masterly manner, showing wonderful technical skill as well as artistic conception.

Mr. George Grimaldi in his organ recital at the Union Church last night submitted several pieces which are new to Hongkong. The opening piece of the programme, a Grand Chœur, was composed by Alfred Hollins, the blind organist of St. George's Church, Edinburgh, one of the youngest living organists. The composition proved that Hollins is a most gifted musician, although having the affliction of being stone-blind. The selection of the other organ items reflected great credit on the taste of Mr. Grimaldi, and were played by him in his best style. Mr. C. H. Lammer's choice of Gounod's recitative and aria "Lend me your aid" showed that he is rather ambitious to do great things; but we advise him to "learn to walk before you try to run." His intentions were no doubt good, however; and as he is possessed of a rather nice tenor voice, we hope to hear more of him. Mr. J. H. Moir is by no means a Van Biesen, but he played very correctly in the cello and organ duet "Adagio Religioso," Op. 55 (Borch). Mrs. Mudie Mirov, Stainer's "Love Divine! all love exceeding," Mr. Mirov, however, sang "My Hope is in the Everlasting" (from the *Daughter of Jairus*), and it was very sweetly and tastefully rendered. The Union Church was comfortably filled, and no doubt the congregation will look forward with pleasure to the next recital in three weeks' time. The collection, which amounted to about \$100, was in aid of the organ fund.

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Japanese papers say that the Taiwan *Ginko* is reported to have instituted enquiries with a view to opening a branch office in Hongkong, there only being an agency here at present.

A gentleman named Smith, who arrived in Japan by the *Australasian*, was arrested at Moji for photographing forts, but after being detained for some hours was released and allowed to proceed with the vessel.

The *Echo de Paris* states that the French Minister of Foreign Affairs has contradicted the rumour of a conflict between M.M. Delcassé and Doumer over the Yunnan Railway Mission. Indo-Chinese papers are unconvinced by this contradiction.

A London telegram of the 10th October to the *Oakland Mail* says:—The Times regards the situation in Manchuria as having improved and believes that Russia intends to restore the Newchwang-Shanhaikwan Railway and likewise the port of Newchwang.

We have received from Messrs. W. Brewer and Co., the local agents, a specimen sheet of Box's Exchange Tables for the conversion of sterling into dollars, and vice-versa. Judging by the specimen this Table should be very useful in facilitating business men's accounts in the Far East. The Table is to be followed by others dealing with the conversion of sterling into taels, rupees, U.S. gold, francs, and marks.

A Tokyo despatch of October 13th says:—It is reported that Russia is moving to obtain a concession at Shanghai in order to facilitate trade with Tsailenwan and Russia. The locality claimed by Russia is reported to be near the French concession and a part of Fooching on the opposite side of the river. Russia's attitude in regard to returning Newchwang to China is said to be related to this movement for a concession in Shanghai.

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A sad accident happened to Veterinary-Surgeon Bussmann of the German garrison here, says the *N.C. Daily News* of the 16th instant. He was taking a walk with a companion on Sunday when they passed some miles in the road, and though warned to give them a wide berth Surgeon Bussmann did not unfortunately exercise sufficient caution, for he was kicked in the stomach by one of the vicious brutes. The injured man was taken to the hospital, but expired early yesterday morning. He will be buried this evening with full military honours.

The new Japanese Admiralty port was formally opened at Maizura on the 1st inst., and Japan has now four Admiralty ports having a complete equipage. A fifth Admiralty port will be opened in Japan as soon as possible, but the proposed site has not yet been made public. It is, however, believed that the next port will be constructed either at Ohminato on the gulf of Amori, or at Muroran on the Vulcanotay in Hokkaido. The Japanese naval authorities will then centre their attention on completing the defences on the coasts of Formosa.

A story is told of General Buller, which may or may not be true, but it possesses an air which is supposed to be characteristic of Sir Redvers's official life. According to this story, when the General was chief of the staff to Lord Wolseley on the Nile, and preparations were being made for the advance, the senior medical officer, probably imbued with red-tapeism, sent in three questions for official answers. The first was, "How many general actions will take place?" The second, "When and where to be fought?" and the third "What number of killed and wounded might be expected?" Sir Redvers's answer is said to have been "No. 1, ask the Mahdi; No. 2, ditto; No. 3, see my reply above."

A Yokohama contemporary learns that the work of reconstructing the railways in Formosa has been commenced. About a month ago the Wanli to Kagi section, in South Formosa, which forms a portion of the trunk line extending from the southern extremity to the northern end of the island, was resumed under the direction of the island authorities. The laying of the rails on that route, measuring twenty-eight miles, was almost completed on a previous occasion, and it now only remains to construct a number of bridges, of a temporary nature which are to be replaced by iron bridges in the course of next year when the material arrives from abroad. The work is expected to be finished by the middle of March next and the traffic on that section will then be opened.

The *N.C. Daily News* says:—A previous paragraph in these columns reported the death of the Grand Secretary Yung Lu's son on the road, a day or two after the Court had left Hsien, and that Yung Lu had been granted four days' leave to attend to his son's funeral, etc. A telegram received yesterday by the local mandarins from Tungkuang now reports the arrival there of Yung Lu to rejoin the Court, having had his leave curtailed by a special telegram from the Empress Dowager, who required his "immediate presence at Court." It may be here stated that it is conjectured amongst the local mandarins that the Empress Dowager was constrained to send such a peremptory order to Yung Lu owing to a sudden report that, disgusted with Court life, he was going to have his head shaved and become a Buddhist monk on the road.

On the 11th October three leaders of the Quapartito were sentenced to be hanged.

Colonel Count Smirgk, Austro-Hungarian Military Attaché at Berlin, last month handed to Count von Walderssee, on behalf of the Emperor Francis Joseph, the Grand Cross of the Order of St. Stephen set in brilliants.

On the 13th October Dr. Rudolf Virchow's eightieth birthday was celebrated by a brilliant assemblage of scientists at Berlin. Dr. Virchow is the celebrated pathologist and physiologist, probably still what he certainly was a decade ago, the first scientist in the world in his own field. He was born on October 13th, 1821, in Pomerania.

In Aceh, Sumatra, all is reported quiet, save in the distant coast states; cultivation of the soil is progressing slowly but surely. Tobacco-planting has been started. Gutta-growing has been taken in hand but the Chinese have no fancy for this line of enterprise. The construction of railways is actively proceeding. Among other signs of progress, a race club has been started at Kota Rajah, the capital of Aceh. Griffins have been ordered from Australia at an average of \$350 each. The success of the club is doubtful. The keep of horses there is very costly, and the continual changes among officers is another hindrance. The titular Sultan of Aceh is steadily being followed up by pursuing parties.

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SWATOW.

[FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.]

Swatow, 21st October.

THE HOUSE-TAX.

The Cheng Hui Shien arrived here a few days ago and convened a meeting at the Taotai's temporary Yamen, with a view to fixing a date when the much talked of house-tax is to be levied. At his invitation five principal representatives of the local gentry and of the largest merchant houses appeared, and after a lengthy consultation it was decided that the tax, which is to amount to 5 per cent of the rental, is to be collected quarterly and to commence from the 9th Chinese Moon. I am informed that those present at the meeting were of opinion that as the houses here are mainly occupied by merchants no difficulty would be experienced in collecting the tax, but they averred that the imposition would not be so easily accomplished at Chuchowfu and elsewhere in this province.

HOUSE-JOBBERS.

Two powerful syndicates, consisting of native bankers, have been formed, which are buying up as many houses as they can possibly get hold of, and, when once in possession, doubling the existing rents without even intimating their intentions to the occupants of the houses.

BRIGANDAGE.

At Weichow, a large village to the south of Swatow, bands of brigands have been infesting the place for a considerable time and committed several outrages. The Magistrate of the place has appealed to the Taotai at Chowchowfu for assistance and asked for the despatch of soldiers.

FAILURE OF CROPS.

Owing to a continued scarcity of rain the sugar-cane and orange crops have turned out very unfavorably.

POLICE COURT.

Tuesday, 22nd October.

BEFORE MR. F. A. HAZELAND, POLICE MAGISTRATE.

DISTURBANCE IN A DWELLING-HOUSE.

Fifteen earth-cooles were charged on remand with breaking into a dwelling-house in Bridges Street and stealing therefrom money and clothing to the total value of \$97. They pleaded not guilty.

Mr. O. D. Thomson, solicitor, prosecuted, and Mr. K. W. Monnsey, solicitor, defended.

From the evidence it appeared that the house alleged to have been broken into was that of a contractor, who, with a number of *foks*, occupies the floor beneath the defendants. The defendants, accompanied (according to the contractor's computation) by about twenty others, knocked one night recently at the door with a bamboo pole, and, not being immediately admitted, broke the door in. The contractor and his family and *foks*, not liking the look of things, discreetly left. When they returned it was alleged they found two boxes had been broken open and money and clothing to the amount stated in the charge stolen.

It was not proved that the money and clothing had been stolen, or even that there had been anything in the boxes, and the defendants were acquitted on the charge of feloniously entering a dwelling-house and convicted merely of disorderly behaviour.

They were fined \$10 or 14 days each, and bound over in the sum of \$100 each to keep the peace for six months.

BEFORE MR. E. R. HALLIWELL, ACTING POLICE MAGISTRATE.

THE COCHRANE STREET HOUSE COLLAPSE—OWNER AND CONTRACTOR FINED.

The case in which Chan Yam Chong, owner of the collapsed houses Nos. 32 and 34, Cochran Street, and Fan Wo, the contractor who carried out the alterations and additions to the houses, pleaded guilty to ten and nine charges respectively or combinations of the Building Ordinance in connection with the aforesaid houses, came on for decision.

His Worship, who said it only remained to impose a penalty in the two cases, fined the defendants \$10 each on each charge. This, in the case of the owner, amounts in all to a fine of \$500; and in that of the contractor to \$450. The alternative was a month on each charge. The fines were paid.

Mr. F. B. L. Bowring, Crown Solicitor, prosecuted, and the defendants were represented by Mr. K. W. Monnsey, solicitor.

OVERPOWERING A SAMPAK.

A sampan with 5 or 6 passengers on board is not the safest of craft at the best of times, but when overcrowded it becomes a positive danger. Yesterday morning Constable East saw a sampan getting under way from Bank Wharf. There were, including the crew, no less than twenty people on board, besides baggage. As the boat was lying dangerously low in the water, the constable hailed the owner of the boat, a woman, and ordered her to come back to the wharf. This she did, and when the passengers had been disembarked, constable last took the woman to the Police Station.

She was charged with carrying seven passengers in excess of the number allowed by her boat license, and was fined \$10. The money was paid.

AIL CHALCOPH.

On Monday night Constable East was on duty in Queen's Road West, and about eleven o'clock, when the streets were becoming quiet, he observed two suspicious-looking natives steal up behind a Chinaman making his way home. One got in front and the other pulled up close to the man's right side. Just as the first one to the act of putting his hand in the pocket of the intended victim, both caught sight of Constable East, and at once made off. He followed them and caught one after a short sprint. Handing him into the care of a constable, the constable went off in pursuit of the second, whom he found hiding in a doorway. Both were then taken into the lock-up.

The defendant identified that he had no fixed place of abode, and the fact that just when there is a previous conviction of a person he is sentenced to 14 days hard labour and 10 strokes with the birch. The second got off with a whipping of 12 strokes.

SOCIAL NEWS REPORTED.

MAGNIVEN & CAMERON'S PENS THE WAVESETT LINE FOR DAY WATCHING THE FLYING SOUTHERN FAX instead of a Quill TAX PAYMENT J. WILSON 500 word per dip 1900-1 WARWICK WORD MUNICIPAL

CHINA TRADEES' INSURANCE CO., LIMITED.

The following is the report for presentation to the shareholders at the Thirty-fifth Ordinary Meeting of the above Company, to be held on Tuesday, the 12th November, at noon:

The net premium amounts to \$1,380,796.37, and the working account shows a balance at credit of \$514,805.07, which sum the directors recommend be appropriated in the following manner:

A dividend of 16 per cent. to shareholders (\$4 per share) ... \$ 96,000.00
A Dividend of 15 per cent. on contributions, payable to all contributors of business whether shareholders or not ... 125,000.00
To be carried to new account ... 293,805.07
\$514,805.07

DIRECTORS.

Messrs. E. Goetz and P. Sachs retired from the Board on leaving the Colony. Messrs. P. Witkowski and H. Schubert accepted invitations from the directors to fill the vacancies, and their appointment will be submitted for the confirmation of shareholders.

Messrs. A. J. Raymond and P. Witkowski retire by rotation and offer themselves for re-election.

AUDITORS.

The annexed accounts have been audited by Messrs. T. Arnold and H. U. Jeffries, who offer themselves for re-election.

A. HAFT.

Hongkong, 22nd October, 1901.

The following are the accounts:

STATEMENT OF ACCOUNT

For the year ending 30th April, 1901.

ASSETS.

Cash in hand \$3,535.83
Fixed assets with book value 325,000.00

Investments in shares of properties:

In Hongkong \$10,000.00
In Shanghai 123,237.53
In Melbourne 3,500.00

Bonds of Chinese Imperial Government loan, 1883, 130 bonds at £1s. 2d. per £100 746,767.66

Banking and Kowloon Wharf and General Co. Limited, debentures 150,000.00

Shanghai Waterworks Co. Limited, debentures 5,479.45

Shanghai and Hangkew Wharf Co., Ltd., debentures 50,173.97

Bonds of Chinese Imperial Government loan, 1883, 130 bonds at £1s. 2d. per £100 44,101.80

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Cash in hand 88,429.88
Interest on Govt. securities 324,223.25
Consols 45,250.00

Fixed deposits with banks 300,000.00

Remittances in transit 8,000.00

\$10,466.13

AUSTRALASIAN BRANCHES.

Cash in hand, in course of collection, and on fixed deposit 134,036.70

Shanghai branch:

Cash in hand, in course of collection, and on fixed deposit 61,936.88

Yokohama branch:

Cash in hand, in course of collection, and on fixed deposit 28,930.85

Interest accrued, but not yet payable 9,192.84

Furniture at head office and branches 3,216.63

Overdue debtors 13,099.82

\$2,420,889.56

LIABILITIES.

Capital subscribed \$2,000,000.00

Paid up \$25 or 24,000 shares 600,000.00

Reserve fund 900,000.00

Dividends outstanding 325,834.48

Exchange fluctuation account 151,992.40

Bank overdrafts 248,423.61

Profit and loss account 514,805.07

\$2,420,889.56

WORKING ACCOUNT.

To losses 257,676.53

Charges, survey fees, &c. 243,130.49

To directors and auditors fees at head office and branches 21,302.92

To profit and loss account 514,805.07

\$1,737,005.01

ESEEVE FUND.

To balance on 31st August, 1901 900,000.00

By balance on 31st August, 1900 300,000.00

\$600,000.00

S. C.

PROBLEMS

LATE TELEGRAMS.

NEWS VIA AUSTRALIA.

THE WAR IN SOUTH AFRICA.

ADELAIDE, 1st October.

SCHALK-BURGER'S APPEAL.

Mr. Schalk-Burger, one of the well-known Boer leaders, has forwarded a long letter to Lord Kitchener in which he expresses a strong desire for peace, and suggests—as a means to this end—that the British Government should revoke the formal annexation of the two Boer Republics, and proclaim a general amnesty in respect of all Boers still in the field and of all natives of Cape Colony and Natal who may have taken part in the struggle in opposition to British arms. His argument is that the excesses by Great Britain of such royal magnanimity would go far to heal the bleeding wounds caused by the war, would settle peace on a secure basis, and lead to the amicable development of South Africa by British and Boer working side by side.

THE BETY.

Lord Kitchener has replied to this singular proposal to the effect that Great Britain cannot now abandon the annexation of the Boer Republics in the manner suggested.

MAINTENANCE OF BOER FAMILIES.

Lord Milner has issued instructions for the disposal of all landed and other property belonging to burghers still in the field, the proceeds to be devoted to the maintenance of destitute Boer families.

REPORTED MUTINY AMONG AUSTRALIANS.

Private J. Steele, a member of the fifth contingent of Victorian Mounted Rifles, has just been court-martialled in South Africa on a charge of endeavouring to persuade the colonials to mutiny. He was found guilty and sentenced to be shot, but the sentence was subsequently commuted to ten years penal servitude. Two other members of the contingent taking an active part in the disturbance were respectively sentenced to two and three years penal servitude. The brief cables details of the unfortunate affair go to show that Steele suggested to his comrades to pile their arms and refuse to follow the lead of Colonel Beaton, who was in command, till that officer apologized for having called the Mounted Rifles "a set of white-livered curs."

2nd October.

BOERS WISH TO JOIN THE ARMY.

Two hundred Boers on parole in Ceylon have voluntarily offered to serve in the British army in any part of the world except South Africa.

ITALA FORT.

Further details to hand respecting the attack by the Boers under Botha upon Itala Fort go to show that the assailants sustained a most disastrous defeat, although the attack was made from behind in the most desperate fashion, the inducement being the stores, &c., contained within the fortress. Two hundred Boers were shot dead in the vicinity of the fort, and over three hundred others were wounded and captured.

THE AUSTRALIAN MUTINERS.

The Federal Premier states that his Government is making inquiries into the case of the Australians in South Africa charged with mutiny and sentenced to various terms of penal servitude.

GENERAL NEWS.

ALLEGED ATTACK ON PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT.

Adelaide, 2nd October.

American cables contain a sensational item to the effect that two unknown prowlers have attacked and stabbed a sentinel engaged in guarding the tomb of the late President McKinley. The news of this outrage has renewed the uneasy belief that others beside the actual assassin were implicated in the recent plot for the murder of the President.

Mr. Roosevelt, who bears the reputation of being brave to the point of rashness, disdainfully declines to be accompanied by the usual detective guard when appearing in public, and this latest outrage strengthens the fear that advantage may be taken of this recklessness by the anarchists.

BULL-FIGHTING EXTRAORDINARY.

Adelaide, 2nd October.

Automobile machines painted a glazing red have just been used in lieu of horses in the bull fights which take place periodically at Beyonne. Contrary to expectation the experiment proved a blank failure, the most savage bulls becoming stricken with panic, on being brought face to face with the strange contrivance, and absolutely refusing to fight.

GEN. GASELEE'S FINAL REPORT.

The following despatches were received by the Secretary of State for India from Lieutenant General Sir Alfred Gaselee, G.C.I.E., K.C.B., Commanding the British Contingent, China Expeditionary Force, and were published in the *London Gazette* of the 13th ult.:

Headquarters Staff Office, British Contingent, China Field Force, 6th July, 1901.

My Lord.—Now that I have received the orders of His Majesty's Government for the gradual reduction of the China Field Force, I submit for your Lordship's information what I presume will be my final despatch as the General Officer Commanding the China Field Force.

2. In my despatch No. 198 S. of the 17th January, I reviewed the events of last year, and brought to your Lordship's notice a number of officers whom I considered worthy of commendation. In this, my final despatch, it will therefore only be necessary to allude to what has since occurred, and to submit to your Lordship a further list of officers who have done good service during the present year.

3. Military operations during this phase have, as far as the British troops are concerned, been confined to the repression of brigandage, the only

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NEW ADVERTISEMENTS

CHRISTMAS "BHAGAT" CAKES.

YOUR attention is directed to our CHRISTMAS "BHAGAT" CAKES made from Pure Australian Fresh Butter. Weighing 1lb., 2 lbs., and 3 lbs.

If a trial is given, those CHRISTMAS "BHAGAT" CAKES will speak for themselves.

H. RUTTONJEE,
No. 5, D'Aguilar Street;

Nos. 39 & 40, Elgin Road, Kowloon.

Hongkong, 23rd October, 1901. [2698]

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned have received instructions from the Official Administrator, to Sell by Public Auction, for account of the Estates of the late J. GRANT, J. GARNER, N. J. NIELSON, J. W. HILL, H. E. HAMMON and DIN MAHOMED (Deceased).

TO-MORROW (THURSDAY),

the 24th October, at 11 A.M., at their Sales Rooms, 20, Des Voeux Road,

SUNDAY GOODS AND EFFECTS,

Comprising:-

CAMPHORWOOD TRUNKS, TRAVELLING BAGS and TRUNKS, SUNDAY CLOTHING, BOOKS, CAMP BED, &c. &c.;

Also One BICYCLE, One PONY, SADDLE BRIDLES, &c.

TERMS:- As usual.

HUGHES & HOUGH,
Government Auctioneers.

Hongkong, 23rd October, 1901. [2700]

WANTED.

A GENTLEMAN to join a MESS at the PEAK, from 1st prox.

Apply—MESSMATE.

Care of Daily Press Office,

Hongkong, 23rd October, 1901. [2699]

Mrs. AITKEN and Family desire to thank all friends for their sympathy and their tributes in their recent bereavement.

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DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR SWATOW AND AMOY.

THE Company's Steamship

"THALES,"

Captain Robson, will be despatched for the above ports TO-MORROW, the 24th inst., at DAYLIGHT.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

DOUGLAS LAPRAIK & CO., General Managers.

Hongkong, 22nd October, 1901. [2698]

THE CHINA MUTUAL STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

TRANS-PACIFIC SERVICE

VICTORIA (B.C.), SEATTLE AND TACOMA.

THE Steamship

"OOPACK."

3,883 Tons, Commander J. Barber, is due here on 4th November, and will have quick despatch. For Rates of Freight and Further Particulars, apply to

JARDINE, MATHESON & CO., Agents.

Hongkong, 23rd October, 1901. [2701]

THE OSAKA SHOSEN KAISHA, LIMITED.

FOR FOOCHOW VIA SWATOW AND AMOY.

THE Company's Steamship

"ANPING MARU,"

Captain S. Atsumi, will be despatched for the above ports on WEI ESDAY, the 6th November, at DAYLIGHT.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

THE MITSUI BUSSAN KAISHA, Agents.

Hongkong, 23rd October, 1901. [19]

OCEAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

CONSIGNEES for Company's Steamer

"LAERETES"

are hereby notified that the Cargo is being discharged into Craft, and/or landed at the Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company, Ltd; in both cases it will lie at Consignees' risk. The Cargo will be ready for delivery from Craft or Godown on and after the 24th inst.

Optional cargo will be landed unless notice has been given prior to steamer's arrival.

Goods undelivered after the 30th inst. will be subject to rent. All damaged Goods must be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined at 11 A.M. on the 31st instant.

No Fire Insurance has been effected:

BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE, Agents.

Hongkong, 22nd October, 1901. [15]

HONGKONG CLUB.

A GENERAL MEETING of the Members

of the above Club will be held in the CIVIC HOUSE, TO-DAY (WEDNESDAY), the 23rd inst., at 5 P.M. The object of the Meeting is set forth on the Club Notice Board.

By Order of the General Committee.

O. M. D. BELL, Acting Secretary.

Hongkong, 23rd October, 1901. [2641]

NEW GOODS.

CRACKERS.

COSAQUES.

SWEETS.

JEEJEEBHoy & CO. [2678]

RUINART PERE & FILS, REIMS

Established 1719.

CHAMPAGNE CROWEERS AND SHIPPERS.

Ship only the finest Quality Extra Dry (Green Seal)

LAUTS. WEGENER & CO., Sole Agents.

Hongkong, 17th May, 1895. [1271]

AUCTIONS

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned have received instructions to Sell by Public Auction,

TUESDAY and WEDNESDAY, the 29th and 30th October, 1901, at 10 A.M., at H.M. NAVY YARD,

SUNDAY NAVAL AND VICTUALLING OBSOLETE AND CONDEMNED STORES,

Comprising:-

OLD IRON, PAPER STUFF, RAGS, CANVAS, CLOTHING, IMPLEMENTS, &c. &c.

THE VICTUALLING STORES will be sold on TUESDAY, 29th, and the NAVAL STORES on WEDNESDAY, 30th inst.

TERMS OF SALE.—As Customary.

HUGHES & HOUGH,

Government Auctioneers.

Hongkong, 22nd October, 1901. [2689]

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned have received instructions from J. P. COTTAM, Esq., to sell by Public Auction,

TUESDAY,

the 29th October, at 2.30 P.M., within his Residence, No. 12, KNUTSFORD TERRACE, Kowloon,

HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE,

BLACKWOOD

TABLES, STOOLS, DRAWING-ROOM

FURNITURE, CURIOS, ENGRAVINGS

(Famous Racing Pictures, *Domino Year*: "First Past the Post"), TRANSPOSING

PIANO, by Robinson & Co., newly now;

OVERMANTEL, SIDEBOARDS,

DINNERS, WAGGONS, GLASS WARE,

CUTLERY, ELECTRO-PLATED FORKS,

GROCKERY, CROWN-DIRBY DINNER

SERVICES, TEA & COFFEE SETS, BED-

STEADS, BEDDING, WARDROBES,

DRESSING TABLES, CARPETS, RUGS,

CHEVAL GLASS, CRETONES, and

BATHROOM GEAR;

Also

KITCHEN REQUISITES, STORES,

&c., and a fine lot of PALMS, POTS, and

PLANTS.

TERMS:—As Customary.

For Further Particulars, apply to the Auctioneers.

HUGHES & HOUGH,

Auctioneers.

Hongkong, 22nd October, 1901. [2690]

PUBLIC COMPANIES

UNION INSURANCE SOCIETY OF

CANTON, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

A DIVIDEND of \$23 per Share for the

Year 1900, equivalent to 46% on the

Paid-up Capital of \$5 per Share, has been

declared.

Warrants will be issued on the 11th October.

By Order of the Board.

W. J. SAUNDERS,

Secretary.

Hongkong, 10th October, 1901. [2590]

P. LEMAIRE & CO.

Hongkong, 7th February, 1901. [439]

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

A DIVIDEND of \$23 per Share for the

Year 1900, equivalent to 46% on the

Paid-up Capital of \$5 per Share, has been

declared.

The Undersigned are now prepared to

GRANT POLICIES of INSURANCE

against FIRE at Current Rates.

DOUGLAS LAPRAIK & CO.,

Agents for the Phoenix Fire Office.

Hongkong, 17th August, 1897. [322]

L'URBAINE

FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, LTD.

(Established 1888.)

THE Undersigned, having been appointed

GENERAL AGENTS for the above Company, are prepared to ACCEPT RISKS

at current rates.

SIEMSEN & CO.

Agents.

Hongkong, 21st April, 1897. [194]

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NOTICES TO CONSIGNEES

AUSTRIAN LLOYD'S STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES

FROM TRIESTE, FIUME, PORT SAID, ADEN, BOMBAY, COLOMBO, PENANG, AND SINGAPORE.

THE Steamship

"MARQUIS BACQUEBEM."
having arrived, Consignees of Cargo are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed at their risk into the Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Co., Limited, whence delivery may be obtained.

This Vessel brings Cargo:

From Venice, ex.s.s. *Meliorich*, transhipped at Trieste.From Trieste, ex.s.s. *Imperatrice*, transhipped at Bombay.From Levant Ports, ex.s.s. *Esterre*.

Optional Cargo will be discharged here, unless notice to the contrary be given before Noon.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Claims must be sent to the Office of the Undersigned, before Noon, on the 26th of October, or they will not be recognised.

No Fire Insurance has been effected, and any Goods remaining in the Godowns after the 26th of October will be subject to rent.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by

SANDER, WIELEDER & CO.

Agents.

Hongkong, 19th October, 1901.

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NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

THE P. & O. S. N. Co.'s Steamship

"JAPAN"
FROM ANTWERP, LONDON, PORT SAID, SUEZ AND STRAITS.

Consignees of Cargo by the above-named vessel are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed and placed at their risk in the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company's Godowns at Kowloon, where each consignment will be sorted out Mark by Mark, and delivery can be obtained as soon as the Goods are landed.

Optional Goods will be landed here unless instructions are given to the contrary before Noon, To-DAY, 19th inst.

Goods not cleared by the 25th instant, at 4 p.m., will be subject to rent.

No Fire Insurance will be effected by me in my case whatever.

All damaged packages must be left in the Godowns, and a certificate of the damage obtained from the Godown Company within ten days after the vessel's arrival here, after which no claims will be recognised.

H. A. RITCHIE,

Superintendent.

Hongkong, 19th October, 1901.

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NORTHERN PACIFIC STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

STEAMSHIP "TACOMA"
FROM TACOMA, VICTORIA, YOKOHAMA, KOBE, MOJI, SHANGHAI AND PORT ARTHUR.

THE above Steamer having arrived. Consignees of Cargo are hereby requested to send in their Bills of Lading for countersignature, and to take immediate delivery of their Goods from alongside.

Cargo impeding the discharge of the Vessel will be landed and stored at Consignee's risk and expense.

DODWELL & CO., LIMITED,

Agents.

Hongkong, 21st October, 1901.

[1]

INDO-CHINA STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

FROM CALCUTTA, PENANG AND SINGAPORE.

THE Company's Steamship.

"SUISANG."

having arrived from the above ports, Consignees of Cargo by the same are hereby informed that their Goods will be delivered from alongside.

Cargo impeding the discharge of remaining on board after Noon, the 23rd instant, will be landed at Consignee's risk and expense into Godowns at EAST POINT.

No Fire Insurance will be effected.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by

JARDINE, MATHeson & CO.

General Managers.

Hongkong, 16th October, 1901.

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STEAMSHIP "ANNAM."

COMPAGNIE DES MESSEGERIES MARITIMES.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo from London and Havre ex.s.s. *Pei Ho*, and from Bordeaux ex.s.s. *Ville de Lorient* and *Ville de Marseille* in connection with above Steamer, are hereby informed that their Goods, with the exception of Opium, Treasure and Valuables, are being landed and stored at their risks into the Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Co., Limited, at Kowloon, whence delivery may be obtained immediately after landing.

Optional Cargo will be forwarded on unless intimation is received from the Consignees before Noon, TO-DAY, the 21st inst., requesting it to be landed here.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by the Undersigned. Goods remaining unclaimed after MONDAY, the 28th instant, at Noon, will be subject to rent and landing charges.

All claims must be sent in to me on or before the 28th inst., or they will not be recognised.

All damaged packages will be examined on MONDAY, the 28th inst., at 8 p.m.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

P. CHAMPOMIN,

Acting Agent.

Hongkong, 21st October, 1901.

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NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

FROM MIDDLESEX, LONDON AND STRAITS.

THE Steamship

"PEMBROKESHIRE,"

Captain Kennedy, having arrived from the above ports, Consignees of Cargo are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed at their risk into the Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Co., Limited, at Kowloon, and stored at Consignee's risk and expense.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 26th inst., will be subject to rent.

All broken, chafed, and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on the 25th inst., at 2 p.m.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by

SHEWAN, TOMES & CO.

Agents.

Hongkong, 19th October, 1901.

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NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES

FROM HAMBURG, ANTWERPEN, PENANG AND SINGAPORE.

THE N.D.L. Steamship

"MARBURG."

Captain Zachariae, having arrived from the above ports, Consignees of Cargo are hereby informed to send in their Bills of Lading for countersignature by the Undersigned and to take immediate delivery of their Goods from alongside.

Optional Cargo will be forwarded unless notice to the contrary be given before Noon To-DAY.

Any Cargo impeding her discharge will be landed into the Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company, Limited, and stored at Consignee's risk and expense.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 25th instant will be subject to rent.

All broken, chafed, and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on the 25th inst., at 3 p.m.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE,

Hongkong Office.

Hongkong, 19th October, 1901.

[2672]

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A FATAL FEAR.

BY THE LADY MIDDLETON
(Author of "Alastair Bhan Comyn," etc.).

Well do I remember her telling of the story, my beautiful great-grandmother! She married very young, and her daughters followed her example, so that, in full possession of all her faculties, when fairly advanced in the eighties, she could sit surrounded by a troop of descendants, many of them in the fourth generation, but old enough to appreciate her wonderful memory, and to enjoy her clear and graphic narration of events that had occurred, in what to them seemed an almost medieval epoch.

Well do I recall the still erect and stately figure, in the large carved-chair, whose red brocade showed up her crow-black satin gown. A kerchief of lace crossed her bosom, there fixed by a small miniature portrait of her husband in diamond setting; on her brow the silver hair, worn in plain low bands, was bound by a fillet of black velvet, with an ornament consisting—if it called a Sievige!—her coil of lace, falling on each side of the sweet old face, lay on her shoulders, and framed those delicate features and bright, dark eyes, making a picture no one seeing could soon forget.

She loved to gather her descendants around her, and one especial Christmas a party had assembled, on the occasion of a daughter (she always called them, "the girls") still, though most of them were grandmothers) bringing a son and his bride to the patriarchal atmosphere of Alvedone Court for introduction.

What a jolly lot we were! and how we—brother, cousins, uncles, and aunts of all ages and sizes—delighted to roam about the big house, with its long corridors and their plentifuling of armour and pictures, its lengthy, though narrow, living rooms surrounding the Great Hall—this was the general sitting-room, and a truly delightful one, as, unlike most halls, it had neither a staircase, of unrestful suggestions, crowning out of it; nor a door to the open air; nor a gallery, giving on to bedrooms, hanging round it, where servants pass at morning or evening hours—and where guests and hosts are "restless" in and out at all times of the day. No, the great hall at Alvedone was certainly an ideal room. Fully 50 feet high, its upper part alone carried the windows that gave it light; the lower was panelled in dark oak, and at intervals hung subjects in richly bright tapestry removing all impression of gloominess.

Above the paneling, and below the windows, tall, narrow portraits, hanging a little forward, told their family history. There hung courtier, soldier, statesman, minister, with staff or gracious or prim dame beside them; looking down on the generations that did them credit, or otherwise (for black sheep will show in every large flock), as it is nothing really mattered to them any more. The big, oaken chimney stood well out into the room, and the hearth, with its huge heraldic "dogs," bore piles of wood that seemed verily cut up trees, giving a cheery warmth that lacked nothing. Three huge bronze gilt chandeliers, burning gas, hung from the finely architected and blazoned roof, and when all were alight every nook and cranny of the Hall showed us in sun glare; and the Minstrels' Gallery that ran across one end of the room, supported by its magnificent prop, a carved stone screen, was the only portion that could conceivably anything larger than a cat. The vast Turkey carpet that covered the floor in front of the fire seemed but a rug in space, but warmed and enriched a light coloured matting which comforted the floor of big stone flags.

Anything less giddy than the aspect of the whole apartment could scarcely be imagined; yet and the group gathered about its glowing hearth were plunged heart and soul in ghost story. They had cast off much lighting, so only the chandelles at the hall's lower end was lit, but this was enough to bring into prominent distinctness all the elevated ancestry as they gazed impassively down on the score of youngsters whose tongues wagged freely over their ever popular subject. Story and conjectural discussion had succeeded each other, till backs felt coldly clawed, and threats tightened, and eyes were dilated in awe; when the door behind a great Japan screen opened, and round its corner, on her grandson's arm, came the noble presence and stately figure of my great-grandmother, Mrs. Carmichael—"The Mistresses" as her old retainers fondly and appropriately called her.

Most of us rose; some pushed the red brocade chair nearer the fire; others went for her footstool, or found her smelling bottle or her shawl, despite her gentle decrepitude. "You're much too good to old Grannie," said one of us, and when she was settled we grouped round her with a general clamour of "Tell us a story, Grannie!"

"Yes, tell us a story, Grannie!" said a jolly boy of some twelve springtides, "about when you were young!" "Grannie! Joe!" corrected his elder sister, ignored contemptuously by the "man" at school, who headed the renewed demand for a story.

Mrs. Carmichael smiled upon her young descendants and stroking the curly head of a small damsel who had crooked up in affectionate familiarity, and made a back-rest of her aches and pains, her said, "I'm sure you've heard all my old stories often eno' already; but if you want it badly, I'll think upon something, when you tell me what you've been cracking away about this last hour and more."

Mrs. Carmichael in her stately fashion often used Scottish words and expressions; a habit that somehow gave tone and distinction to her speech. "We felt rather shy at first of telling her what our subj. it was, lest we should be chidden for frightening the younger ones; or ourselves, with superstitious nonsense; but at length some of the bolder spirits asked if she really and truly believed in ghosts!

"Ghosts!" she exclaimed. "Ghosts! I am awfully, barns, to very chary of saying what I don't believe in; but I'll tell you what I have really believed in my long life, that among the many things barely rooked of in our poor human philosophy, there are some that should only be approached in a spirit of humble reverence; and of these the reappearance of spirits is the first. It is useless to advise on the subject because it is one that will often be brushed, and become a matter for discussion and talk in the least thoughtful and respectful circles, especially in our own class; but I will tell you, as you all call for a story from Grannie, how such a conversation as you've had to-night brought about results amongst which I have had regrets all my life after it."

A stir among the hearers. Some crept nearer to the speaker, others settled them in more restful or attentive positions; and a sort of sigh of expectation, and a muttered "Now!" came from the group of children of all ages, from twelve to twenty-five.

The ancient lady arranged her shawl on her knee, and folding her small, fragile hands over each other, began a story few of us had heard her tell before.

"Late in the last century," said my great-grandmother, "when railways were not, and when the only mode of travelling comfortably

was in your own chaise, country-house visiting was a serious matter. Now-a-days, I find my friends think three or four days' visit is handsome, even from a long distance! Then, if you were beyond neighbourhood, it took so long to reach your destination, and you ran so many risks in reaching the same, that weeks and even months were deemed a fitting spell of time to pass beneath the hospitable roofs of near friends and kinsfolk.

"One Christmas, just such a snowy time as this which we are now enjoying, for indeed modern devices of railroads, and gas, and electrical appliances, and such like nineteenth century luxuries, make a 'white Yule' (to those who can profit by them) not only tolerable, but enjoyable: such a Christmas, say I, as this, a large party, of which your Grannie formed one, were staying at a big house in the north. Big though it was, we packed it; there wasn't a 'gentle' room vacant, as the old housekeeper solemnly informed an exploring party of us youngsters.

"Not one?" queried we, with the inquisition of youth. "Not a livable one!" unwarily responded she, at once whetting the edge of curiosity. Then we set to work, and pestered the good dame till she admitted there was a fine room, where some Sir John, or Lord Robert, had slain a troublesome wife, and that the lady couldn't be depended upon not to walk; and though Mrs. Moira had never met anyone who had seen her, still it was deemed wise to use the room, which was kept as a sort of museum with the ancient bed and medieval furniture, cabinets, stools, &c., just as it stood at the time of the traditional tragedy. The housekeeper openly promised to show it to us, on the morrow, if we'd let her be!

"Needless to say, that after the early dinner, that was then mushish, we youngsters left the older members of the party to their card-tables and gossip, and retired into a farther room, where we told ghost stories till our scalps tingled, till every crevice of the spindly-legged chairs and stools we sat on (there wasn't much lounging then-n-days I can tell you), made our ankles twist, and every corner, built by the two feeble wax tapers on the high mantel, or the flameless glow of the peat blocks on the hearth, seemed to be full of nameless 'something'—suggesting Horror!"

"Oh, grannie!" here breathed some of her audience, hugging themselves in a sort of crawling rapture.

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1. From Green Island to the Harbour Master's
2. From Harbour Master's to Blake Pier.

SECTIONS.

3. From Blake Pier to Naval Yard.
4. From Naval Yard to East Point.

DESTINATION	VESSEL'S NAME	FLAG & BIG	BERTH	CAPTAIN	FOR FREIGHT APPLY TO	TO BE DESPATCHED
LONDON, &c., VIA PORTS OF CALL	BENGAL	Brit. str.	2 m.	P. & O. S. N. Co.	On 26th inst., at Noon.	
LONDON	CALCHUA	Brit. str.	2 m.		On 29th inst.	
LONDON	CEYLON	Brit. str.	2 m.		On 2nd November, at Noon.	
LONDON	NESTOR	Brit. str.	2 m.		On 12th November.	
LONDON	MACHAON	Brit. str.	2 m.		On 26th November.	
LONDON	ACHILLES	Brit. str.	2 m.		On 10th December.	
LONDON & ANTWERP VIA MARSEILLES, &c.	AWA MARU	Jap. str.	2 m.		On 1st Nov., at Daylight.	
LIVERPOOL DIRECT	DAEDANUS	Brit. str.	2 m.		On 15th November.	
MARSEILLES, &c., VIA PORTS OF CALL	IXION	Fren. str.	2 m.		On 18th November.	
IREMEN, VIA PORTS OF CALL	SALAZIE	Gor. str.	2 m.		On 4th December.	
HAVRE & HAMBURG	SACHSIE	Gor. str.	2 m.		On 1st Nov., at Daylight.	
HAVRE & BREMEN & HAMBURG	BAMBERG	Gor. str.	2 m.		On 15th November.	
HAVRE & HAMBURG	SEGOVIA	Gor. str.	2 m.		On 18th November.	
HAVRE & HAMBURG	MABURG	Gor. str.	2 m.		On 21st November.	
HAVRE & HAMBURG	SUEVIA	Gor. str.	2 m.		On 24th November.	
HAVRE & HAMBURG	NUREMBERG	Gor. str.	2 m.		On 27th November.	
HAVRE & HAMBURG	SERDIA	Gor. str.	2 m.		On 30th November.	
HAVRE & HAMBURG	SATSUMA	Brit. str.	1 m.		On 14th December.	
HAVRE & HAMBURG	MANUEL LLAGUNO	Amer. ship.	2 m.		On 1st Jan., at Daylight.	
HAVRE & HAMBURG	CLAVERDALE	Brit. str.	1 m.		On 1st Nov., at Noon.	
HAVRE & HAMBURG	ADANA	Brit. str.	2 h.		On 4th Nov., at 1 P.M.	
HAVRE & HAMBURG	EMPERESS OF CHINA	Canadian Pacific R. Co.	2 m.		On 31st inst., at Noon.	
HAVRE & HAMBURG	TARTAR	Brit. str.	4 m.		On 2nd November.	
HAVRE & HAMBURG	GLENOGLE	Brit. str.	2 m.		On 16th November.	
HAVRE & HAMBURG	OPOACK	Brit. str.	3 m.		On 28th December.	
HAVRE & HAMBURG	DORIC	Amer. str.	2 m.		On 11th January.	
HAVRE & HAMBURG	NIPON MARU	Jap. str.	2 m.		On 26th inst.	
HAVRE & HAMBURG	STEATHOYLE	Brit. str.	2 m.		On or about 25th inst.	
HAVRE & HAMBURG	AUSTRIAN	Jap. str.	2 m.		On 12th November.	
HAVRE & HAMBURG	YAWATA MARU	Jap. str.	2 m.		On 16th November.	
HAVRE & HAMBURG	CHANGSHA	Brit. str.	2 m.		To-day.	
HAVRE & HAMBURG	BONNEO	Brit. str.	2 m.		On 26th inst., at 4 P.M.	
HAVRE & HAMBURG	HITACHI MARU	Jap. str.	2 m.		On 25th inst., at 4 P.M.	
HAVRE & HAMBURG	TOBA MARU	Jap. str.	2 m.		On 12th November.	
HAVRE & HAMBURG	KWILIYANG	Brit. str.	2 m.		On or about 3rd November.	
HAVRE & HAMBURG	KAZOAN	Brit. str.	2 m.		On 25th inst., at Daylight.	
HAVRE & HAMBURG	LYEEMOON	Brit. str.	2 m.		To-morrow, at Noon.	
HAVRE & HAMBURG	PENBROKESHIRE	Brit. str.	2 m.		To-day.	
HAVRE & HAMBURG	PARRAMATTA	Brit. str.	2 m.		To-day.	
HAVRE & HAMBURG	MAZAGON	Brit. str.	1 m.		To-day.	
HAVRE & HAMBURG	MAIZURU MARU	Jap. str.	1 m.		To-morrow, at 4 P.M.	
HAVRE & HAMBURG	ANPING MARU	Jap. str.	1 m.		On 27th inst.	
HAVRE & HAMBURG	DAIJIN MARU	Jap. str.	2 h.		On 28th inst.	
HAVRE & HAMBURG	THALES	Brit. str.	2 m.		On 29th inst., at 3 P.M.	
HAVRE & HAMBURG	SUNGKIAN	Brit. str.	1 m.		On 29th inst., at 4 P.M.	
HAVRE & HAMBURG	PERLA	Brit. str.	2 m.		On 12th November.	
HAVRE & HAMBURG	YAWATA MARU	Jap. str.	2 m.		On 26th inst., at Noon.	
HAVRE & HAMBURG	CHANGSHA	Brit. str.	2 m.		On 25th inst., at Noon.	
HAVRE & HAMBURG	KAGOSHIMA MARU	Jap. str.	2 m.		On 25th inst., at Noon.	
HAVRE & HAMBURG	SCISAN	Brit. str.	2 m.		On 25th inst., at Noon.	

SHIPPING.

ARRIVALS.

Oct. 21, YAWATA MARU, Japanese str., 2,336, A. E. Moses, Yokohama, 11th Oct., General—NIPON YUSEN KAISHA.
 Oct. 22, AUSTRALIAN, British str., 3,000, F. T. Holmes, Kobe via Foochow 14th Oct., General—GIBB, LIVINGSTON & CO.
 Oct. 22, CHOYSAE, British str., 1,194, G. H. Bowker, Shanghai and Swatow 21st Oct., General—JARDINE, MATHESON & CO.
 Oct. 22, DECIMA, German str., 794, Schmitz, Seizoen, 17th Oct., Ede—SIEMSEN & CO.
 Oct. 22, FOOKSANG, British str., 491, Anderson, Canton 22nd Oct., General—JARDINE, MATHESON & CO.
 Oct. 22, HANOI, French str., 763, Mepleos, Hoichow 21st October, General—A. R. MATTY.
 Oct. 22, HINGANG, British str., 1,536, Lake, Hung 19th October, Coal—JARDINE, MATHESON & CO.
 Oct. 22, PENATI, German str., 1,959, W. H. West, Weihaiwei 17th Oct., Bullard—BRITISH GOVERNMENT.
 Oct. 22, PERLA, British str., 1,287, McArthur, Manila 19th October, General—SHIWA, TOMES & CO.
 Oct. 22, THALES, British str., 893, Robson, Swatow 21st Oct., General—DOUGLAS LAPRAK & CO.
 Oct. 22, WINKLAND, Danish str., 1,668, O. F. Hjelsgaard, Singapore 17th Oct., General—CHINESE.
 Oct. 22, WOOSUNG, British str., 1,109, Dowson, Shanghai 17th Oct., General—BUTTERFIELD & SWINE.

CLEARANCES.

AT THE HARBOUR MASTER'S OFFICE.

22nd October.

Ariake Maru, Japanese str., for Kuchinotzu.

Cassius, German str., for Foochow.

Devonshire, British str., for Samarang.

Eles, German str., for Chefoo.

Glenfalloch, British str., for Amoy.

Glocester City, British str., for Saigon.

Hatching, British str., for Swatow.

Kentmere, British str., for Yokohama.

Lucia, British barque, for Rajung.

Pakhoi, British str., for Tientsin.

Rajaburi, German str., for Bangkok.

Sandakan, German str., for Sandakan.

Trym, Norwegian str., for Haiphong.

Winkel, Danish str., for Amoy.

Wossing, British str., for Canton.

DEPARTURES.

21st October.

Baker Standard, British str., for Swatow.

22nd October.

Ariake Maru, Japanese str., for Kuchinotzu.

Cassius, German str., for Foochow.

Guthrie, British str., for Saigon.

Hacking, British str., for Swatow.

Pakhoi, British str., for Tientsin.

Rajaburi, German str., for Bangkok.

Tajak, British transport, for Taku.

Sandakan, German str., for Sandakan.

Sumatra, British transport, for Taku.

Thera, German str., for Canton.

Trym, Norwegian str., for Haiphong.

VESSELS IN DOCK.

22nd October.

Aberdeen Docks—Rowlock Docks—Canton Biver, Eleano, H.M.S. Argonaut, Teinay, Esmeralda.

Cosmopolitan Dock—

SHIPPING REPORTS.

The German steamer *Penarh*, from Weihsien, 17th Oct., had strong N.E. winds all the time.

The British steamer *Perla*, from Manila 19th Oct., had strong N.E. wind and heavy N.E. sea throughout.

The British steamer *Australian*, from Kobe via Foochow 16th inst., had moderate N.E. winds and fine weather throughout.

The British steamer *Thales*, from Swatow 21st inst., had fresh N.E. breeze and fine weather throughout, with E.N.E. sea.

VESSELS IN DOCK.

22nd October.

ABERDEEN DOCKS—ROWLOCK DOCKS—Canton Biver, Eleano, H.M.S. Argonaut, Teinay, Esmeralda.

COSMOPOLITAN DOCK—

VESSELS IN DOCK.

22nd October.

ABERDEEN DOCKS—ROWLOCK DOCKS—Canton Biver, Eleano, H.M.S. Argonaut, Teinay, Esmeralda.

COSMOPOLITAN DOCK—

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COSMOPOLITAN DOCK—

VESSELS IN DOCK.

22nd October.

VESSELS ON THE BERTH

OCEAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

OUTWAARDS.

FROM	STEAMERS	DUE
GLASGOW and LIVERPOOL	"MACHAON"	On 25th October.
GLASGOW and LIVERPOOL	"PROMETHEUS"	On 26th October.
GLASGOW and LIVERPOOL	"ACHILLES"	On 6th November.
GLASGOW and LIVERPOOL	"GLAUCUS"	On 15th November.
GLASGOW and LIVERPOOL	"IXION"	On 21st November.

HOMEWARDS.

FOR	STEAMERS	TO SAIL
LONDON	"CALchas"	On 29th October.
LONDON	"NESTOR"	On 13th November.
LONDON	"MACHAON"	On 23rd November.
LONDON	"ACHILLES"	On 10th December.

LIVERPOOL DIRECT
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The S.S. "LAERTES" from GLASGOW and LIVERPOOL has arrived, and will leave for SHANGHAI to day the 23rd inst., at noon.

The S.S. "MACHAON" left Singapore for this port on the 19th inst., at Noon, and may be expected here on the 25th inst.

The S.S. "PROMETHEUS" left Singapore for this port on the 20th inst., and may be expected here on the 26th inst.

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Hongkong, 21st October, 1901.

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THE Company's Steamship

"SUISANG."

Captain Tadd, will be despatched as above on FRIDAY, the 25th inst., at NOON.

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JARDINE, MATHEWS & CO.,

General Managers.

Hongkong, 21st October, 1901. [2674]

NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA.

FOR MANILA.

THE Company's Screw Steamship

"YAWATA MARU,"

3,873 tons gross, Captain A. E. Moses, will be despatched for the above port on FRIDAY, the 25th instant, at 4 P.M.

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A. S. MIHARA,

Manager.

Hongkong, 17th October, 1901. [2653]

CALIFORNIA AND ORIENTAL STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

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PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM

HONGKONG TO SAN DIEGO AND SAN FRANCISCO.

VIA INLAND SEA OF JAPAN AND HONOLULU.

TAKING CARGO AND PASSENGERS TO JAPAN PORTS AND HONOLULU.

THE UNITED STATES, MEXICO, CENTRAL AND SOUTH AMERICA, &c.

6.S. "STREATHYGE" On 26th October.

8.S. "KNAVEY" On 20th November.

S.S. "TITTY" On 15th December.

THE Steamship "STREATHYGE" will

be despatched for SAN DIEGO and SAN FRANCISCO VIA MOJI, KOBE and YOKOHAMA on SATURDAY, the 26th October.

Through Bills of Lading issued to any point in the United States.

Cargo will be received on board until 4 P.M. the day previous to sailing. Parcel Packages will be received at the Office until the same time. All parcels should be marked to address in full. Value of same is required.

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Hongkong, 18th October, 1901. [14]

REGULAR STEAMSHIP SERVICE TO NEW YORK.

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PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG.

SATSUMA On 26th October.

KURDISTAN On 5th November.

LENNOX On 20th November.

RICHMOND CASTLE End of November.

GRONSBY

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LOWTHER CASTLE

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Hongkong, 4th October, 1901. [1739]

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THE full-powered Steamship

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Hongkong, 25th October, 1901. [2235]

VESSELS ON THE BERTH

U. S. MAIL LINES.

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TAKING CARGO AND PASSENGERS TO JAPAN, THE UNITED STATES, MEXICO, CENTRAL AND SOUTH AMERICA AND EUROPE

VIA THE OVERLAND RAILWAYS AND ATLANTIC AND OTHER CONNECTING STEAMERS.

VIA INLAND SEA OF JAPAN AND HONOLULU.

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG.

"DORIC"	TUESDAY, 29th October, at NOON.
"PERU"	TUESDAY, 12th November, at NOON.
"COPTIC"	WEDNESDAY, 20th November, at NOON.
"CITY OF PEKING"	SATURDAY, 7th December, at NOON.
"GAELIC"	SATURDAY, 14th December, at NOON.
"CHINA"	TUESDAY, 31st December, at NOON.

THE O. & O. S.S. Co.'s Steamship "DORIC" will be despatched for SAN FRANCISCO via SHANGHAI, NAGASAKI, KOREA, INLAND SEA, YOKOHAMA and RONOLULU, on TUESDAY, the 29th October, at NOON, taking Freight for Japan, the United States and Europe.

Steamers of these lines pass through the INLAND SEA OF JAPAN, and call at HONOLULU, and passengers are allowed to break their journey at any point en route.

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Special Rates (first class only) to European Points, are granted to Missionaries, members of the Naval, Military, Diplomatic and Consular Services, and European Civil Service officials located in Asia, and to European officials in the service of the Governments of China and Japan.

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Freight will be received on board until 4 P.M. the day previous to sailing. Parcel Packages will be received at the Office until 5 P.M., same day; all Parcel Packages should be marked to address in full; value of same is required.

Consular Invoices to accompany ship of Cargo or Parcel (valued at \$100 gold, or over) destined to points beyond San Francisco in the United States, should be sent to the Companies' Office, addressed to the Collector of Customs, San Francisco.

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For further information as to Passage and Freight, apply to the Agency of the Companies, Queen's Building.

GEO. ECKLEY, ACTING AGENT.

Hongkong, 19th October, 1901. [17-4]

THE PENINSULAR AND ORIENTAL STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY.

STEAM FOR STEADS, CEYLON, AUSTRALIA, INDIA, ADEN, EGYPT, MEDITERRANEAN PORTS, PLYMOUTH AND LONDON THROUGH BILLS OF LADING ISSUED FOR BATAVIA, PERSIAN GULF, CONTINENTAL AND AMERICAN PORTS.

THE Steamship

"DALIN MARU."

Captain T. Ogata, will be despatched for the above port on SATURDAY, the 27th inst., at 5 P.M.

The attention of Passengers is directed to the excellent accommodation provided by this steamer. She is fitted throughout with Electric Light and is supplied with a Refrigerating Plant.

A Doctor is carried.

For Freight or Passage, apply to SHEWAN, TOMES & CO., General Managers.

Hongkong, 22nd October, 1901. [2693]

THE OSAKA SHOSEN KAISHA, LIMITED

POST OFFICE NOTICES.

Parred Mails for Europe, As., por s.s. *Bengal*, will close at 3 p.m. on Friday, the 25th inst. The Nippon Mail, with the American Mail of the 17th ult., left Yokohama on Thursday, the 17th inst, at daylight, and may be expected here to-morrow.

The *Parramatta*, with the English Mail of the 27th ult., left Singapore on Sunday, the 29th inst, at noon, and may be expected here on or about Friday, the 20th inst. This Packet brings replies to letters despatched from Hongkong on 20th August.

MAILS WILL CLOSE.

FOR	PER	DAY AND HOUR.
Canton	Hongkong	Wednesday, 23rd, 7.30 a.m.
Choofo and Newchwang	Independent	Wednesday, 23rd, 9.00 a.m.
Tsiliyan	Loyal	Wednesday, 23rd, 10.00 a.m.
Singapore, Samarang and Sourabaya	Onward	Wednesday, 23rd, 10.00 a.m.
Shanghai	Lauret	Wednesday, 23rd,
SHANGHAI, NAGASAKI, KOBE, YOKOHAMA, VICTORIA and VANCOUVER, B.C.		Printed matter and samples..... 9.00 a.m.
(Supplementary mail on board up to the time fixed for departure of the mail. Extra Postage 10 cents.)		Registration..... 10.00 a.m. (Registration with late fee of 10 cents, up to 10.45 a.m.)

Macao	Wednesday, 23rd, 11.00 a.m.
Swatow, Ningpo and Shanghai	Wednesday, 23rd, 2.00 p.m.
Amoy	Wednesday, 23rd, 3.00 p.m.
Amoy and Manila	Wednesday, 23rd, 4.00 p.m.
Shanghai	Wednesday, 23rd, 4.00 p.m.
Lycomoon	Wednesday, 23rd, 5.00 p.m.
Swatow and Amoy	Wednesday, 23rd, 5.00 p.m.
Canton	Thursday, 24th, 9.00 a.m.
Bangkok	Thursday, 24th, 9.00 a.m.
Hoihow, Pakhol and Haiphong	Thursday, 24th, 9.00 a.m.
Swatow, Amoy and Foochow	Thursday, 24th, 9.00 a.m.
Timor, Port Darwin, Thursday Island, Cooktown, Townsville, Brisbane, Sydney and Melbourne	Thursday, 24th, 9.00 a.m.
Singapore, Penang and Calcutta	Friday, 25th, 3.00 p.m.
Manila, Thursday Island, Townsville, Brisbane, Sydney and Melbourne	Friday, 25th, 4.00 p.m.
Manila	Saturday, 26th,

EUROPE, &c., India via Tuticorin	Friday, 25th, 11.00 a.m.
(Late Letters 11.10 to 11.30 a.m. Extra Postage 10 cents.)	

SHANGHAI, NAGASAKI, KOBE, YOKOHAMA, HONOLULU and SAN FRANCISCO	Wednesday, 23rd, 11.00 a.m.
(Supplementary mail on board up to the time fixed for departure of the mail. Extra Postage 10 cents.)	

EUROPE, &c., India via Tuticorin	Wednesday, 23rd, 11.00 a.m.
(Late Letters 11.10 to 11.30 a.m. Extra Postage 10 cents.)	

Singapore	Wednesday, 23rd, 11.00 a.m.
Shanghai, Moji, Kobe, Yokohama, Vancouver and Victoria, B.C.	

TO-DAY.	Meeting, Hongkong Club, 5 p.m.
TO-MORROW.	Sale, Goods and Effects, Sales Rooms, Messrs. Hughes and Hough, 11 a.m.

COMMERCIAL.

CLOSING QUOTATIONS.

22nd October.

ON LONDON.—	Telegraphic Transfer..... 1/10 1/2
	Bank Bills, on demand..... 1/11
	Bank Bills, at 30 days' sight..... 1/11 1/2
	Bank Bills, at 4 months' sight..... 1/11 1/2
Credits, at 4 months' sight.....	1/11 1/2
Documentary Bills, 4 months' sight..... 1/11 1/2	
ON PARIS.—	
	Bank Bills, on demand..... 2/4 1/2
Credits, at 4 months' sight..... 2/4 1/2	
ON GERMANY.—	On demand..... 1.354
ON NEW YORK.—	Bank Bills, on demand..... 46;
Credit, 60 days' sight..... 47;	
ON BOMBAY.—	Telegraphic Transfer..... 143
	Bank, on demand..... 143
ON CALCUTTA.—	Telegraphic Transfer..... 143
	Bank, on demand..... 143
ON SHANGHAI.—	Bank, at sight..... 73
	Private, 30 days' sight..... 73
ON YOKOHAMA.—	On demand..... 6 p.e. pm.
ON MANILA.—	On demand..... 4 1/2 p.e. pm.
ON SINGAPORE.—	On demand..... 4 p.e. pm.
	On demand..... 4 p.e. pm.
ON BATAVIA.—	(On demand..... 116)
ON HAIPHONG.—	On demand..... 14 p.e. pm.
ON SAIGON.—	On demand..... 1 p.e. pm.
ON BANGKOK.—	On demand..... 603
GOVERNMENT, Bank's Buying Rate..... \$10.33	
GOLD LEAP, 100 fine, per tael..... \$53.00	
BAR SILVER, per oz..... 26 1/2	

OPIUM.

22nd October.	Quotations are:— Allow 'cochet' to 1 catty.
	Malwa New..... \$300 to \$310 per picoul.
	Malwa Old..... \$820 to \$830
	Malwa Older..... \$840 to \$850
	P. P. per wrapped..... \$720 to —
	Persian fine quality..... \$730 to —
	Persian extra fine..... — to —
	Patna New..... \$942 to — per chest.
	Patna Old..... \$850 to —
	Banaras New..... \$915 to —
	Banaras Old..... \$830 to —

VESSELS EXPECTED.

THE ENGLISH MAIL.	The P. & O. steamer <i>Parramatta</i> left Singapore for this port on the 20th inst., at noon, with the outward English mails, and is due here on the 25th inst., at about 4 p.m.
THE INDIAN MAIL.	The steamer <i>Arras</i> , 4 p.m., from Calcutta, left Singapore for this port on the 20th inst., at daylight.

THE AMERICAN MAILS.

The T.K.K. steamer <i>Nepomuk Maru</i> , with mails, &c., from San Francisco to the 17th ult., via Honolulu, has arrived at Yokohama, and left for this port on the 17th inst., a.m., via Inland Sea, Kobe, Nagasaki and Shanghain.
The O. & O. steamer <i>Coptis</i> , with mails, &c., left San Francisco for this port via Honolulu, Inland Sea, Kobe, Nagasaki and Shanghain, on the 13th inst.

THE GERMAN MAILS.

For Berlin of the 30th ult., left Colombo on the 19th	The Imperial German Mail steamer <i>Egeria</i> , carrying the German mails with dates from Berlin, left Singapore for this port on the 20th inst., at
	daylight.

JOINT STOCK SHARES.

Hongkong, 22nd October.

COMPANY.	PAID UP.	QUOTEATION.
Banks—	\$125	\$6.40. £62. 15s.
China & Japan, ordy.	24	15s.
Do, deferred	21	25. 5s.
Natl. Bank of China		
A. Shares.....	28	22s. sellers
B. Shares.....	28	22s. sellers
Farm. Shares.....	41	14s. sellers
Bell's Asbestos E. A.	21	41. 10.
Campbell, Moore & Co.	30	22.
China-Borneo Co., Ltd.	15	33s.
China Light and Power Co., Ltd.	20	32, nominal
China Prot. L. & M.	10	30s. buyers
China Sugar.....	300	310. buyers
Cigar Companies—		
Alhambra, Ltd.	\$500	350, nominal
Philippine-Tobacco Trust Co., Ltd.	\$50	350, nominal
Cotton Mills—		
Ewo.....	Tls. 100	Tls. 40, buyers
International.....	Tls. 100	Tls. 35, buyers
Lace Kung Mow.....	Tls. 100	Tls. 42s. buyers
Soychoe.....	Tls. 500	Tls. 260.
Yahlong.....	\$100	13s. buyers
Dairy Farm.....	\$8	8s. buyers
Fenwick & Co., Geo.	225	35s. sellers
Green Island Cement.	310	322s. sales
H. & C. Bakery	210	500.
Hongkong & C. Gas	210	6140, buyers
Hongkong Electric	10	31s. buyers
H. H. Tramways	\$100	220, buyers
Hk. Steam Water Co. Co., Ltd.	\$7	88, buyers
Hongkong Hotel	\$50	130.
Hongkong Ice Co.	\$50	125s. buyers
Hongkong K. & G. G.	50	97, sellers
Hongkong K. & G. W.	\$100	17s. 6d. sellers & buy
Hongkong K. & G. W.	\$300	2287s. sales
Insurance—		
Canton.....	\$50	\$155. ex div. buy
China Fire.....	\$20	83s. buyers
China Traders'.....	\$25	86s. sellers & keelers
Hongkong Fire.....	\$50	835s. buyers
North China.....	225	190. buyers
Straits.....	\$20	nominal
Union.....	\$50	935. buyers
Vazigato.....	\$50	912s. buyers
Land and Building—		
Hongkong Land Inv.	\$100	193s. sales
Humphreys Estate	\$10	81s. buyers
Kowloon & Harbour & West Point Building	\$30	83s.
Luzon Sugar.....	\$100	82s. sellers
Manila Invest. Co., Ltd.	\$50	